GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HM&FW Department - National Health Mission- COVID-19 Vaccine - Constitution of Urban Task Force Committee – Orders – Issued.

HEALTH MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (B1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 773 **Dated: 21-12-2020**
Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.685, HM&FW(B2)Department, dt.09.11.2020.
2. G.O.Rt.No.687, HM&FW(B2)Department, dt.09.11.2020.
3. G.O.Rt.No.741, HM&FW (B2) Department, dt: 2.12.2020.
4. From the Commissioner, HM&FW, A.P., Vijayawada, E-Office No.13012974.

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ORDER :

In the fight against COVID, Vaccine could be an effective intervention for control of COVID-19 Pandemic. With multiple vaccine candidates in various stages of development, Government of India has started preparations for introduction of COVID-19 vaccine. As per the advice of National Expert Group on Vaccination Administration for COVID-19, it is envisaged that the vaccine will be first prioritized for Health Care Workers followed by frontline and age groups.

2. In the G.Os 1st, 2nd and 3rd read above, Government have constituted the State level Steering Committee, State and District level Task Force Committees and Mandal Level Task Force Committee to have oversight on planning and implementation of various activities for COVID Vaccine.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Commissioner, H&FW, A.P., while quoting the guidelines of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi has requested the Government to constitute Urban Task Force Committee to decentralise planning and preparedness for rollout of COVID-19 Vaccine.

4. Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner, H&FW, A.P., hereby constitute the following Urban Task Force Committee with the following Members:

Urban Task Force:

1.	Municipal Commissioner of the Municipal Corporations	Chairperson
2	Municipal Health Officer / Chief Medical Officer	Member-Convenor
3	District Immunization Officer	Member
4	District Programme Officer, NUHM	Member
5	Project Director, MEPMA	Member
6	PD, ICDS	Member
7	Representative from Mahila Arogya Samithis	Member
8	Representatives of Education, Social Welfare, Minority Welfare, Railway, Home, Labour Welfare Departments and NSS	Member
9	Representatives from IMA, APNA	Member

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5. The Urban Task Force Committee constituted above shall meet weekly once and review the following activities:

1. **Preparatory phase:**

   - Monitor progress of database of beneficiaries on COVID-19 Vaccine Intelligence Network (Co-WIN)
   - Ensure training of all concerned HR on COVID-19 Vaccine Intelligence Network (Co-WIN)
   - Monitor progress on key activities such as microplanning, communication planning, cold chain and vaccine logistics planning. Accountability to be fixed for each activity at all levels.
   - Planning and mapping of vaccination sessions where HCWs and FLWs (including those of central ministries) and other Priority Groups like those above 50 years of age will be vaccinated during the initial phase of COVID-19 vaccine roll-out.
   - Involve other relevant departments including ICDS, PRI, ULBs and key immunization partners such as UNDP, UNICEF, WHO, Rotary International, lead partners and other organizations at district levels. CSOs, including professional bodies such as IMA should be involved. Involve the local and religious leaders.
   - Identify vaccinators across government and private sectors to minimize disruption of Routine Immunization services while introducing COVID-19 vaccine. 19 Anyone legally authorized to give injection may be considered as potential vaccinator.
   - Mapping human resources across departments that could be deployed for vaccination sessions for verification of beneficiaries, crowd management and overall coordination at session site.

2. **Implementation phase (upon availability of vaccine):**

   - Monitor the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccine in the district for progress made and resolving bottlenecks.
   - Requisition of required human resource and infrastructure including vehicles if needed from other departments for implementation and monitoring.
   - Ensure minimal disruption of other routine health services during rollout of COVID-19 vaccine.
   - Ensure identification and accountability of senior officers in the blocks and the urban cities. They should visit these blocks and provide oversight to activities for rollout of COVID-19 vaccine, including participation in training, monitoring etc.
   - Ensure safe storage, transportation and delivery of vaccine doses with sufficient police arrangements so that there are no leakages in the delivery system.
   - Robust communication planning at all levels to address rumor mongering as well as vaccine eagerness. Ensure adequate number of printed IEC materials (as per prototypes) are printed and disseminated to blocks/planning units in time. Ensure that these materials are discussed and used in the sensitization workshops.
   - Track blocks and urban areas for adherence to timelines for various activities required for introduction of COVID-19 vaccine.
   - Ensure timely disbursal of funds to ASHAs, Alternate vaccinators and alternate vaccine delivery (AVDs) persons engaged in COVID-19 vaccine drive.
   - Share key qualitative and quantitative feedback at state level for review.
   - Monitor meetings of District AEFI Committee for expedited investigation of AEFI cases.

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6. The Urban Task Force Committee shall oversight on planning and implementation of various activities for COVID Vaccine and ensure Inter-Departmental Co-ordination with all line Departments and mobilisation of resources and other related activities.

7. The Member Convenor shall invite partner agencies like WHO, UNICEF, UNDP etc., as members for the Urban Force Meeting.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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